



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: SIGLER, Gerald F. et al.  
Serial No: 10/669,831  
Filed: September 24, 2003  
For: PROTEASE INHIBITOR CONJUGATES AND  
ANTIBODIES USEFUL IN IMMUNOASSAY  
Art Unit: 1641  
Examiner: Mary Ceperley

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 9, 2006

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Official Action dated January 9, 2006 which has a shortened statutory period for response of one month that expired on February 9, 2006. A petition for a 1-month extension of time until March 9, 2006 is enclosed herewith.